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INFO AMCONSUL MELBOURNE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, US

SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF US MERCHANT VESSEL BY CAMBODIAN FORCES

REF: STATE 113030

1. DURING INTRODUCTORY CALL BY NEWLY-ARRIVED DCM MAY 16 ON SECRETARY OF DFA RENOUF, CONVERSATION IMMEDIATELY TURNED TO EVENTS IN GULF OF SIAM AND RELEASE OF SS MAYAGUEZ AND CREW. RENOUF EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT INCIDENT HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO CLOSE SO QUICKLY AND WITHOUT SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS. AUSTRALIAN MEDIA HAVE PROMINENTLY CARRIED ALL OF MATERIAL IN REFTEL, AND AUSTRALIAN RADIO HAS BROADCAST PORTIONS OF STATEMENTS MADE BY PRESIDENT FORD AND OTHER SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS ON THE MATTER. AUSTRALIAN EDITORIAL REACTION HAS SO FAR BEEN GENERALLY FAVORABLE (MORE DETAILED SUMMARY IN SEPTTEL IN USINFO SERIES).  
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